



**Zoom Video conference Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Mark Anderson, Chair – present	Kelly Garcia – present
Kimberly Kudej – present	Faith Sandberg – present
Sam Wallace – present	Matt Highland – present
Rebecca Peterson – present	Carrie Malone – present
Skylar Mayberry-Mayes – present	Nancy Freudenberg – present
Jack Willey – present	Janee Harvey – present
	Jean Slaybaugh – present
	Vern Armstrong – present
	Gretchen Kraemer-present
	Anthony Lyman - present
	Sarah Ekstrand - present
	Cory Turner – present

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS
Representative Joel Fry – absent
Senator Mark Costello – absent
Senator Amanda Ragan – present
Representative Timi Brown-Powers – absent

Call to Order

Chair Mark Anderson called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. via zoom video conference on Thursday May 13, 2021.

Roll Call

All Council members were present, Senator Amanda Ragan was present, and all other Ex-Officio legislative members were absent.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Wallace, seconded by Kudej to approve the minutes from April 8, 2021.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Rules

The following amendments to the administrative rules are presented for adoption at the May 13, 2021, Council on Human Services meeting.

R-1 Amendments to Chapter 204, "Subsidized Guardianship Program," Iowa Administrative Code. (Changes in the Subsidized Guardianship Program)

Current rules are amended to lower the age for subsidized guardianship payments from 14 to 10 years of age. Rules are also amended to provide for the extension of guardianship subsidies until the youth reaches age 21 under certain limited circumstances. A child who has a diagnosis of intellectual, mental or medical disability or who has not graduated from high school will be able to continue the subsidy until age 21. Under the new amendments there will no longer be an age distinction for younger siblings to be eligible for subsidized guardianship payments when those siblings reside in the same home as a child who meets eligibility requirements. The amendments will also allow Department staff to suspend subsidized guardianship payments under certain conditions. The amendments specify when and how such suspensions would occur.

A motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Willey

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R-2 Amendments to Chapter 170, "Child Care Services," Iowa Administrative Code. (Updates Changes in the Fee Schedule)

The amendment implements the updated Child Care Assistance (CCA) fee schedule based on the increased federal poverty levels effective July 1, 2021. The annual poverty level update allows families that have received raises or increased earnings throughout the previous year to maintain eligibility for CCA without paying increased fees. The fee schedule changes are effective for eligibility determinations made on or after July 1, 2021. In order to meet the July 1, 2021, effective date we are implementing these rules Emergency after Notice.

A motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Mayberry-Mayes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

The following amendments to the administrative rules were presented as Noticed rules.

N-1 Amendments to Chapter 73, "Managed Care," Chapter 77, "Conditions of Participation for Providers of Medical and Remedial Care," Chapter 78, "Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services," Chapter 81, "Nursing Facilities," Chapter 82, "Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with an Intellectual Disability," and Chapter 113, "Licensing and Regulation of Foster Family Homes Iowa Administrative Code. (Updates terminology for deaf and hard of hearing)

The proposed rulemaking replaces the term "deaf" with "deaf or hard of hearing" or "deaf and hard of hearing" and replaces the term "hearing impaired" with "hard of hearing" throughout the Iowa Code based on HF 2585 authorized in 2020. This rulemaking covers the chapters affected by the Department of Human Services.

N-2 Amendments to Chapter 78, "Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services," Chapter 79, "Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care," Iowa Administrative Code. (Implements the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supported Employment model for HCBS Habilitation Supported Employment services)

These proposed amendments implement the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supported Employment (SE) evidenced-based model within the Home-and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Habilitation Supported Employment services. These amendments establish the provider qualifications and implementation criteria applicable to the IPS SE providers. These amendments also implement the outcome-based reimbursement methodology for IPS SE.

N-3 Amendments to Chapter 83, "Medicaid Waiver Services," Iowa Administrative Code. (Adds reserve capacity slot criteria for HCBS waiver applications)

This rulemaking adds the reserve capacity slot criteria from the home-and community-based services (HCBS) waiver applications to the intellectual disability (ID) waiver and the children's mental health (CMH) waiver and reduces the minimum amount of time that a member must be in an institutional stay to qualify for a reserved capacity slot under the brain injury (BI) waiver from six months to four months

A motion was made by Mayberry-Mayes to approve, and seconded by Willey
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

PHE Unwinding Medicaid – IME Public Service Manager -Amela Alibasic

Amela presented information on the unwinding of the Public Health Emergency in the Medicaid program, including information on what that means for our clients.

MHDS Community Gaps – MHDS Division Administrator – Marissa Eyanson

Marissa did a presentation on the gaps in the current MHDS system, specifically focused on the individuals who are getting 'stuck' in emergency departments.

Pandemic Response Federal Funds Update – ACFS Division Administrator Janee Harvey

Janee updated the Council on how we're spending federal funds to support the families we serve, including child care and food assistance.

Director's Report

Director Garcia updated the Council on the program alignment work being done between DHS and IDPH. She stated that we have partnered with PCG as our vendor to help with this work internally and externally. Stakeholder involvement will be a big part of this realignment process to make sure that we are making a structure that supports the way this work is delivered on the front lines with our community partners.

She provided a vaccine update sharing that vaccine distribution across the state has moved much faster than anticipated and that all Iowans have access to the vaccine now, including 12-15 year old youth. With the assistance of Dr. Pedati we are continuing to educate and inform staff at our facilities about why it is important to take the vaccine and providing information about its safety.

Director Garcia announced that we have a new Medicaid Director. Liz Matney, our former Deputy Director of Medicaid will be starting in her new position on June 1st. Liz knows Iowa, the program we have in place and has a deep commitment to this work. She was a Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Reynolds prior to accepting this position. Liz will be introducing herself to the Council at our June meeting.

Director Garcia shared with the Council information about work being done around critical case incidents and child welfare. We have a tremendous group of engaged leaders from both agencies that are reviewing these cases in real time to determine systemic gaps and how we fill those gaps. This is long overdue within the agency and the goal is to make real progress with solid outcomes to improve our system.

Adjournment

Chair Mark Anderson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Julie McCauley
Council Secretary

